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Application Number	09/641,595
Filing Date	August 18, 2000
First Named Inventor	Zimmer et al.
Art Unit	1762
Examiner Name	F. Parker
Attorney Docket Number	JFH-A12898US

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- iii. ☐ Other _____
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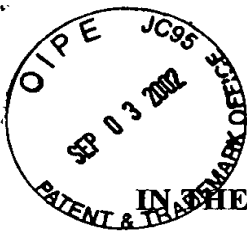
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002. A two-month extension request and appropriate fee are attached hereto. Please note that a one-month extension was paid for in the previous unentered response dated July 15, 2002.

The application is amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 26, 39 and 43 as follows:

26. (amended) A method of printing on an extruded thermoplastic material comprising the steps of:

- electrographically printing a toner consisting of a coloring agent and thermoplastic toner particles directly onto the extruded thermoplastic material;
- bringing the thermoplastic material into a material reactive state; and
- hardening the thermoplastic material thereby establishing a bond between the toner and the thermoplastic material,

whereby the thermoplastic material and toner form a single unsupported layer.

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